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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1)

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FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))		
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	minus 20 =	*
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	minus 3 =	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))		

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
	Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	11	20
	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	3	3
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))		

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AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
	Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))		
	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))		
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))		

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+ \$	=
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

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RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
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+ \$	=
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

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AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
	Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))		
	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))		
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))		

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
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